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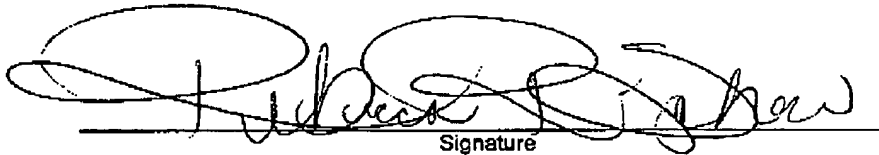
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Serial No.: 10/731,551

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****In re Patent Application:** Todd K. Whitehurst et al.**Application No.:** 10/731,551**Filed:** December 8, 2003**Title:** Fully Implantable Miniature Neurostimulation  
for Intercostal Nerve as a Therapy for Angina  
Pectoris"**Examiner:** GREENE, Dana D.**Group Art Unit:** 3762**Confirmation No.:** 4571Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE/AMENDMENT****Sir:**


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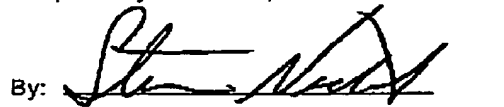
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AMENDMENT

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Dear Commissioner:

In response to the non-final Official Action mailed on **October 24, 2005**, please  
amend the above-identified application as follows: